

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant Major Robert Blue's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant Major Blue has devoted more than 30 years of his life to the service of this state and country with the 153rd Engineer Battalion and as a Combat Engineer with the South Dakota Army National Guard. He has attended training in Jamaica, Panama, and Germany, deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and served on many state activations in support of blizzards and floods; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

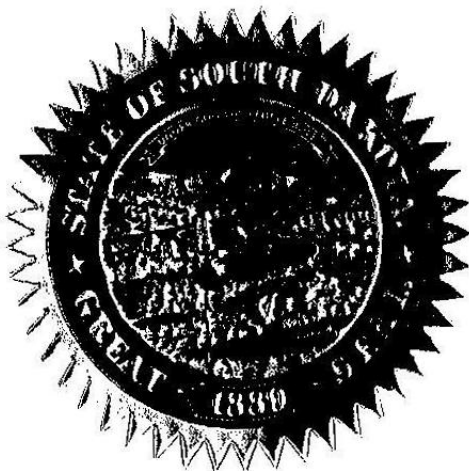
Whereas, Sergeant Major Robert Blue continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant Major Robert Blue for more than 30 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2009, as

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR ROBERT BLUE DAY


in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State